

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:  
identifying a plurality of secondary nodes, wherein  
the identifying comprises sending an update from a primary node to the plurality  
of secondary nodes, and  
at least one secondary node of the plurality of secondary nodes inserts the update  
in a respective log of updates, and each of the respective log of updates  
corresponds to a respective copy of the data;  
determining that all of the plurality of secondary nodes have acknowledged the update;  
and  
**causing each secondary node of the at least one secondary node to clear the update  
from the respective log of updates by** sending a notification to each of the  
plurality of secondary nodes once all of the plurality of secondary nodes have  
acknowledged the update, **wherein**  
**said clearing is performed in response to receiving the notification.**
2. **(Cancelled)**
3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 **[[2]]** wherein  
clearing the update from the respective log comprises updating a start-of-log pointer in  
the respective log.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 **[[2]]** wherein  
the clearing the update from the respective log comprises updating a pointer to a location  
in the respective log, wherein  
the pointer points to the location if the location contains a next update to  
clear.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
determining that a location of a next update in a first respective log of updates to a first  
respective copy of the data at a first secondary node of the secondary nodes  
differs from a corresponding location of the next update in a second respective log  
of updates to a second respective copy of the data at a second secondary node of  
the secondary nodes; and  
identifying a set of updates in the first respective log, wherein  
each update of the set of updates is not in the second respective log; and  
synchronizing the first respective copy and the second respective copy by applying the  
set of updates to the second respective copy.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein  
the determining occurs when a primary node maintaining the data fails.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
setting a sent indicator for the update for one of the plurality of secondary nodes when the  
update is sent to the one secondary node.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising:  
setting a received indicator for the update for the one secondary node when an  
acknowledgement of the update is received from the one secondary node.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein  
the sending the notification to each of the plurality of secondary nodes comprises  
determining that a respective sent indicator and a respective received indicator for  
the update are set for each of the plurality of secondary nodes.
- 10.-17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a plurality of  
instructions embodied therein, wherein said plurality of instructions are executable for:  
identifying instructions to identify a plurality of secondary nodes, wherein  
said identifying comprises sending an update from a primary node to said  
plurality of secondary nodes, and

at least one secondary node of the plurality of secondary nodes inserts the update in a respective log of updates , and each of the respective log of updates corresponds to a respective copy of the data;  
determining that all of the plurality of secondary nodes have acknowledged the update;  
and  
**causing each secondary node of the at least one secondary node to clear the update from the respective log of updates by** sending instructions to send a notification to each of the plurality of secondary nodes once all of the plurality of secondary nodes have acknowledged the update, **wherein**  
**said clearing is performed in response to receiving the notification.**

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim **18** **[[19]]** wherein the clearing instructions further comprise  
updating instructions to update a start-of-log pointer in the respective log.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim **18** **[[19]]** wherein the clearing instructions further comprise  
updating instructions to update a pointer to a location in the respective log, wherein the pointer points to the location if the location contains a next update to clear.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 18 further comprising:

determining instructions to determine that a location of a next update in a first respective log of updates to a first respective copy of the data at a first secondary node of the secondary nodes differs from a corresponding location of the next update in a second respective log of updates to a second respective copy of the data at a second secondary node of the secondary nodes; and  
second identifying instructions to identify a set of updates in the first respective log, wherein  
each update of the set of updates is not in the second respective log; and

synchronizing instructions to synchronize the first respective copy and the second respective copy by applying the set of updates to the second respective copy.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system comprising:  
a processor for executing instructions, and  
a memory to store the instructions, wherein the instructions comprise  
identifying instructions to identify a plurality of secondary nodes to which an  
update to data is sent from a primary node, wherein  
at least one secondary node of the plurality of secondary nodes inserts the  
update in a respective log of updates to a respective copy of the  
data;  
determining that all of the plurality of secondary nodes have acknowledged the  
update; and  
**causing each secondary node of the at least one secondary node to clear the  
update from the respective log of updates by** sending instructions to  
send a notification to each of the plurality of secondary nodes when all of  
the plurality of secondary nodes have acknowledged the update, **wherein  
said clearing is performed in response to receiving the  
notification.**

24. **(Cancelled)**

25. **(Previously Presented)** The computer system of claim 23 wherein  
the instructions further comprise  
determining instructions to determine that a location of a next update in a first respective  
log of updates to a first respective copy of the data at a first secondary node of the  
secondary nodes differs from a corresponding location of the next update in a  
second respective log of updates to a second respective copy of the data at a  
second secondary node of the secondary nodes; and  
second identifying instructions to identify a set of updates in the first respective log,  
wherein  
each update of the set of updates is not in the second respective log; and

synchronizing instructions to synchronize the first respective copy and the second respective copy by applying the set of updates to the second respective copy.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
in response to the identifying, incrementing a regional counter stored on the primary node by a number of secondary nodes to which the update is sent, wherein  
the regional counter is a number of secondary nodes from which an acknowledgement to the update is to be received;  
in response to receiving an acknowledgement from a secondary node among the plurality of secondary nodes to which the update is sent, decrementing the regional counter; and  
in response to the regional counter reaching a value prior to the incrementing, determining that each of the plurality of secondary nodes has acknowledged the update.
27. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 18, further comprising:  
incrementing instructions to increment a regional counter stored on the primary node by a number of secondary nodes to which the update is sent, in response to the identifying, wherein  
the regional counter is a number of secondary nodes from which an acknowledgement to the update has not been received;  
decrementing instructions to decrement the regional counter, in response to receiving an acknowledgement from a secondary node among the plurality of secondary nodes to which the update is sent; and  
determining instructions to determine that each of the plurality of secondary nodes has acknowledged the update.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 23, wherein the instructions further comprise:

incrementing instructions to increment a regional counter stored on the primary node by a number of secondary nodes to which the update is sent, in response to the identifying, wherein

the regional counter is a number of secondary nodes from which an acknowledgement to the update has not been received;

decrementing instructions to decrement the regional counter, in response to receiving an acknowledgement from a secondary node among the plurality of secondary nodes to which the update is sent; and

determining instructions to determine that each of the plurality of secondary nodes has acknowledged the update.